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Joseph Ratliff
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RE: Request Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act – FOIA #20-007

Dear Mr. Ratliff:

This letter is an acknowledgment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 1, 2019 to the U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM), which the Agency received on the same date. In your request, you asked for

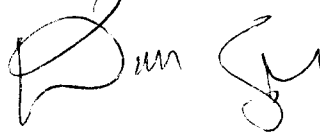
“Agency records from January 1, 2018 to November 1, 2019: Memoranda, policies, rules, guidelines, and procedural manuals that mention Winnie the Pooh or both Winnie the Pooh and Chinese President Xi Jinping. By “Winnie the Pooh,” I refer to the fictional anthropomorphic teddy bear character credited by English author A.A. Milne, described here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Winnie-the-Pooh>; By “Chinese President Xi Jinping,” I refer to the current President of the People’s Republic of China and General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, described here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xi_Jinping.”

For tracking purposes, your request has been assigned **Reference Number FOIA20-007**. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence with our office regarding your requests. Also, be advised that the Agency processes FOIA request on a first in, first out basis.

For purposes of assessing fees pursuant to the OMB Fee Guidelines, your request has been placed in Category III, the “all other requests” category. Consistent with Category III, you will be assessed charges to recover the full direct costs of searching for the requested documents and the duplication of those documents; you will not be charged for the first 100 pages of duplication or the first two hours of search time. Charges for all categories are \$36/\$20/\$10 per hour, depending on the General Schedule Pay Rate of the clerical and professional staff conducting the search, and the fee for reproduction is \$0.15 per page. You may be charged for search time even if the Agency fails to locate any records responsive to the request, and even if the records located are subsequently determined to be exempt from disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 203-4550 or the Office of the General Counsel at the above address or at foia@usagm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Sade". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and a cursive "Sade".

Dana Sade
Assistant General Counsel